



Bamboo Utensils from Shantung, China. *Phyllostachys* sp.

Cups and jars from bamboo joints, obtained in Tsao chou fu, Shantung, China. Photo by Mr. Frank N. Meyer, Peking, China, April 24, 1914. These utensils, apparently turned on an ordinary lathe, show some of the possibilities of bamboo, not usually considered in this country. It may be that the turning by removing the epidermis makes the dishes less likely to crack in a dry atmosphere. In American steam-heated houses bamboo utensils appear at a decided disadvantage because they dry unevenly and crack. Such as are used for outdoor purposes, however, last a long time, are exceedingly cheap and light and pleasing to look at.